

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 2551-68

Date: November 29, 2001

11/29/01
1000 U.S. PTO
11/29/01
11000/995791

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
91 pages of specification and claims (including 14 numbered claims) pages numbered 1-59 and 63-94, and
65 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
 Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.
 Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
--------------------	---------	----------------------

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/304,194, 60/260,669 and 60/315,765 , filed December 1, 2000, January 11, 2001 and August 30, 2001, respectively , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to INNOGENETICS N.V..

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other:
86 page paper copy of Sequence Listing

1. Inventor: Geert Maertens Belgian
(first) (last) (citizenship)
Residence: (city) Brugge 3 MI
Mailing Address: Zilversparrenstraat 64, Brugge 3, Belgium (state/country) Belgium
(Zip Code) B-8310

2. Inventor: Fons Bosman Belgian
(first) (last) (citizenship)
Residence: (city) Opwijk MI
Mailing Address: Hustst 165, Opwijk, Belgium (state/country) Belgium
(Zip Code) B-1745

See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor

Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714

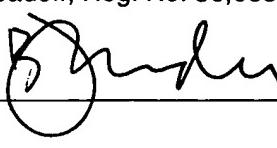
Telephone: (703) 816-4000

Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

BJS:

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By Atty: B. J. Sadoff, Reg. No. 36,663

Signature: 

3. Inventor: Guy De Martynoff Belgian
(first) (last) (citizenship)
MI
Residence: (city) Waterloo (state/country) Belgium
Mailing Address: Mattotstraat, 71, Waterloo, Belgium
(Zip Code) B-1410

4. Inventor: Marie-Ange BUYSE Belgium
(first) (last) (citizenship)
MI
Residence: (city) Merelbeke (state/country) Belgium
Mailing Address: E. Ronsestraat 23, Merelbeke, Belgium
(Zip Code) B-9820

5. Inventor: _____ (first) MI _____ (last) _____ (citizenship)
Residence: (city) _____ (state/country) _____
Mailing Address: _____ , ,
(Zip Code) _____

6. Inventor: _____ (first) MI _____ (last) _____ (citizenship)
Residence: (city) _____ (state/country) _____
Mailing Address: _____ , ,
(Zip Code) _____